

what he said, Senator Schellpeper's amendment simply puts in the bill that the money that a school district cannot spend because of the lid, that money will go to lower property tax. That's what the bill says, but we're saying it point blank. And we do it this way to try and...as I said yesterday, we're trying to answer legitimate concerns people have. Some of those concerns are legitimate and some of them aren't. Now I have been accused of beating up on the northeast corner, I'm going to give some other folks equal time. You know, if you read Monday's paper, Lincoln paper, you know, Governor hopeful, Boyle says 1059 has lost support. He says LB 1059 is additional taxes, not property tax relief. Then he shows that courage of we should do something along the line of 1059. I'm certainly for that. But people are convinced that LB 1059 is not going to accomplish that goal. People see that bill as additional taxes now. And this morning's paper, the cowardly lion, Ben Nelson, takes powerful stands on the abortion bill; says 1059 has laudable objectives. It tends to create a bigger problem for the average working family by raising sales and income taxes with only a promise of property tax relief. People are skeptical of the latter ever occurring with this bill and Nebraskans don't want that to happen anymore. You know, I wonder if either of those people ever read the bill. I'm sure they have not. I mean, they can take the political stands like that and I'm wondering, to paraphrase LBJ, I'm wondering if either one of them could pour liquid out of a boot if the instructions were written on the heel. I don't know. You know, people keep trying to raise arguments that this don't do what it says it does. The bill has two goals, one is to shift the burden away from property. The bill does that. Two, is to equalize school funding and equalize some disparities. The bill does that, you know. And then people like Mayor Boyle and candidate Nelson can say those things but have they ever read the bill? Do they even know what it does? The answer to that is no, probably not. I don't know but, I mean, I'm guessing probably not. If that's their concerns, the bill the way it was written takes care of those concerns, and with Senator Schellpeper's amendment you say it point blank. I mean, short of actually writing out a check to the property taxpayer, the lids contained in the bill, Senator Schellpeper's amendment, that's about as far as you can go to "guarantee property tax relief". Now if people like Boyle and Nelson want a zero percent lid on schools, then you can have dollar for dollar relief. I don't think they're going to propose that. They don't want to do that. I don't want to do that. But, yes, we need to have some lids in the bill to make